

Entrepreneurship Law Center Clinic

University at Buffalo School of Law
Clinical Legal Education



We Support WNY Businesses

We strive to support economic development efforts in Western New York by cultivating entrepreneurship and innovation. We help create a thriving entrepreneurship community by providing complimentary legal services to early-stage startups, most of which stem from innovations generated at UB or at one of its partners on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus.

The clinic supports minority and women-owned business enterprises (MWBEs), and conducts research and application around breaking the barriers of traditional venture investing. In doing so, the program will accelerate MWBEs with a particular focus on high growth companies.

Why Work in Our Clinic?

The Entrepreneurship Law Center Clinic provides quality services to businesses and early-stage, high-growth ventures in conjunction with leading practitioners and law firms. Students enrolled in the University at Buffalo School of Law's Entrepreneurship Law Center Clinic participate in experiential learning by working closely with attorneys and business leaders to develop an in-depth knowledge of the many challenges unique to entrepreneurs.



Currently Hiring for Student Attorney Positions!

The Entrepreneurship Law Center Clinic is in search for up to four student attorneys to assist program companies. This fellowship will provide a great experiential learning opportunity for first year students interested in business and transactional law. Students will work under the supervision of licensed attorneys.

Services offered by the Entrepreneurship Law Center Clinic include:

- Entity selection and formation
- Securities/financing
- Tax
- Intellectual property (trademarks, trade secrets, copyrights and licensing)
- Social enterprises
- Commercial contracts
- Terms of use/privacy policies
- Small business advice and counseling
- Hiring and employment matters
- Ethics/conflicts of interest/governance

Pay Rate & Hours

- Full-time paid position of 32 hours per week for the summer semester (dates TBD).
- Hourly rate of \$20.00.

Requirements

- 1L/Rising 2Ls

Deadline to apply is March 13, 2026.

Question? Contact Professor Matthew Pelkey at mkpelkey@buffalo.edu

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